

Executive Order 2004-15

**TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ARIZONA STATE HOSPITAL TO PURCHASE
AUTOMATED DRUG DISPENSING EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, The Arizona State Hospital is the only psychiatric inpatient facility operated by the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, The Arizona State Hospital is required by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”), and the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organization (“JCAHO”) to maintain established standards of medical care and practice; and

WHEREAS, The Arizona State Hospital administers approximately 1.6 million doses of psychiatric and non-psychiatric medications per year, translating into an average of 14 doses of various medications per patient per day; and

WHEREAS, medication errors have been identified as a major source of risk to patient morbidity and mortality nationwide; and

WHEREAS, automated drug dispensing machines are the standard of care in hospital facilities to reduce administration errors, and increase staff effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, The Arizona State Hospital lacks any automated drug dispensing machines and it therefore below the standard of care and not in compliance with the requirements of CMS and JCAHO; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances constitute a significant potential for a health crisis in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances are neither a contingency nor an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192 because they require neither state-municipal resource coordination nor Department of Emergency and Military Affairs assistance;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, declare a significant potential for a health crisis in this State, and hereby order as follows:

1. The Health Crisis Fund, as established pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797, is authorized to provide the sum of \$219,447 to Arizona State Hospital for the purchase and maintenance of three automated drug dispensing machines.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of
Arizona.

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ____ day of June in
the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Four and of the
independence of the United States of America the Two
Hundred and Twenty-Eighth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE